

# SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 16-01

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**In the Matter of the Petition to Repeal  
Wisconsin Statutes §§ 885.16, 885.17, 885.205,  
and Amend Wisconsin Statute § 906.01.**

**FILED**

**SEP 1, 2016**

Diane M. Fremgen  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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On April 19, 2016, Attorney April M. Southwick filed a petition on behalf of the Wisconsin Judicial Council requesting that the court repeal the so-called "Deadman's statutes," Wis. Stats. §§ 885.16 (Transactions with deceased or insane persons) and 885.17 (Transactions with deceased agent), and amend Wis. Stat. § 906.01 (General Rule of Competency) to remove references to the Deadman's statutes. The petition also proposes repeal of Wis. Stat. § 885.205 (Privileged communications) which appears to create a privilege for communications between a student and dean of students or a school psychologist. The Memorandum in Support of the petition sets forth the petitioner's reasons for seeking these changes and is available at [www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov).

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing on the petition shall be held in the Supreme Court Room in the State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court's conference in the matter shall be held promptly following the public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the hearing be given by a publication of a copy of this order and of the petition in the official state newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks, and in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before the date of the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the full text of the proposed rules, including changes, if any, in existing rules, shall be placed on the Internet site maintained by the director of state courts for the supreme court. See [www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov).

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 1st day of September, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

Diane M. Fremgen  
Clerk of Supreme Court

